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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

**RE: Preliminary Lease Sale List - Request for Comments
June 2, 2015 Oil and Gas Lease Sale**

The Department has received nominations for the June 2, 2015 Oil and Gas Lease Sale, and is requesting comments. The only action proposed at this time is the issuance of leases for possible future exploration and production of oil and gas. Before actual activity on a state lease may occur, the Department will prepare an environmental review of the proposed activity. The Board of Oil and Gas Conservation also must review and issue a permit before any actual activity can occur.

The enclosed Preliminary Lease Sale list summarizes the tracts nominated for lease. The list sorts the tracts by county, and then by legal location within the county (i.e. township, range and section). A reference map is also included. The general areas where tracts are located are identified by numbered circles, which corresponds to the map location numbers for each county on the Preliminary Lease Sale list. The final lease sale list may not include all tracts currently listed, but no tracts will be added. Lease sale tract numbers will be assigned when the final list is prepared. The final list will be distributed on or about May 11, 2015 and will also include a listing of any additional stipulations.

If you have any comments regarding the tracts on the Preliminary Lease Sale List, please submit them in writing by **April 24, 2015** to "O&G Lease Sale Comments, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, P.O. Box 201601, Helena, Montana 59620-1601."

Lease sale lists, dates, and important deadlines are also available on our website -- (<http://dnrc.mt.gov/trust/mmb/og>).

If you would like your name added to our mailing list to automatically receive future information related to our oil and gas lease sales, please let us know at the above address or contact the Mineral Leasing Section at jmason2@mt.gov or (406) 444-4576.

Sincerely,
MINERAL LEASING SECTION

Enclosure(s)

State of Montana
Oil & Gas Lease Sale - June 2, 2015
Preliminary Sale List

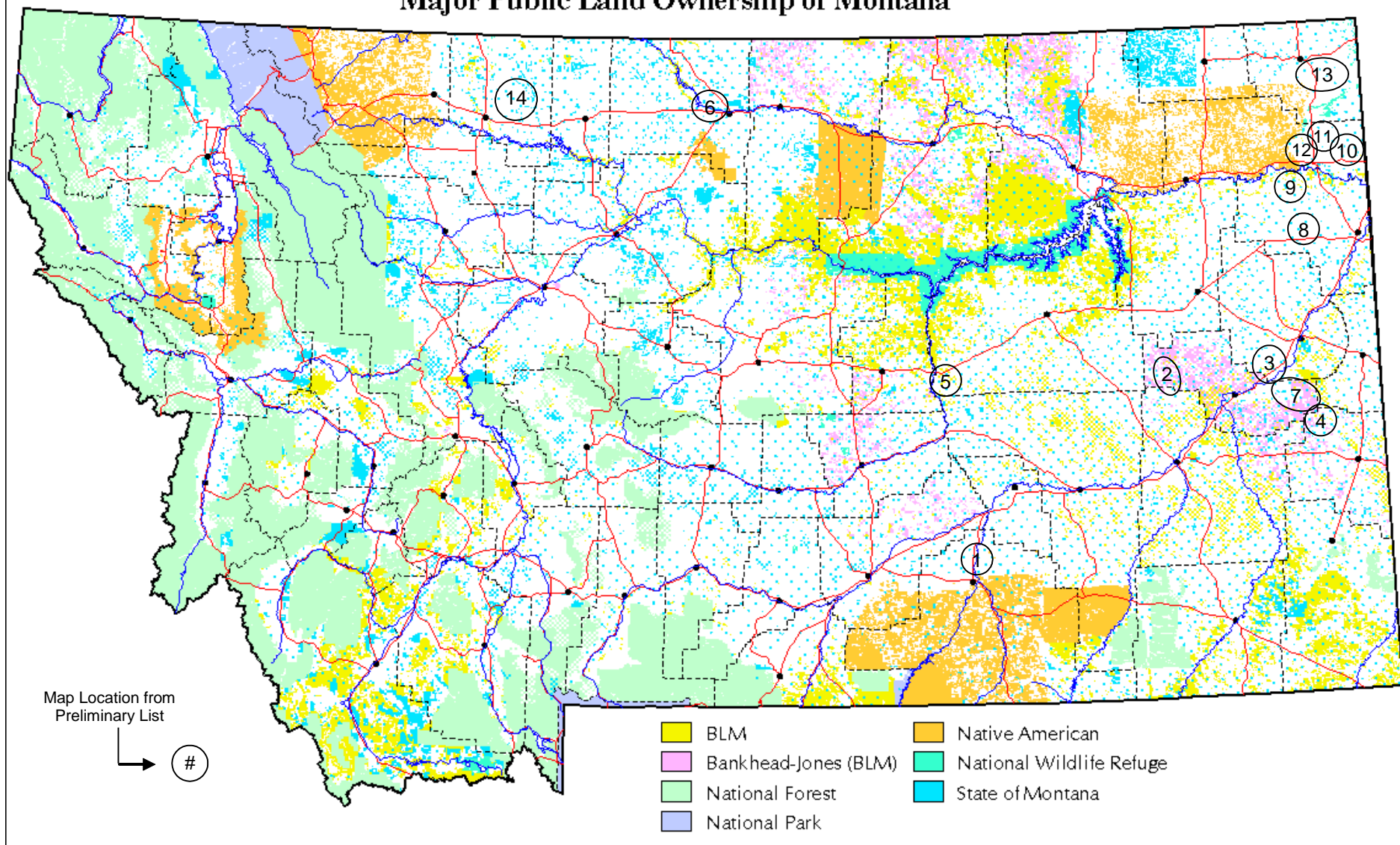
	App #	Map Location	Twp	Rng	Sec	Description	Acres
Big Horn		1					
	5001		2.N	33.E	35	Lot 1, Big Horn Riverbed and related acreage	143.60
Custer		2					
	5022		13.N	46.E	36	All	640.00
Dawson		3					
	5024		13.N	53.E	2	Lots 1, 2, S2NE4	160.04
	5025		13.N	53.E	16	All	640.00
	5033		15.N	53.E	24	S2	* 320.00
Fallon		4					
	5010		10.N	56.E	16	All	640.00
	5011		10.N	56.E	34	S2	320.00
	5012		10.N	56.E	36	All	640.00
Garfield		5					
	5005		15.N	30.E	36	NE4, NE4NW4, NE4SE4	240.00
Hill		6					
	5006		33.N	14.E	28	W2SW4	80.00
	5007		33.N	14.E	29	E2SE4	80.00
Prairie		2, 4, 7					
	5013		11.N	56.E	16	All	640.00
	5014		11.N	56.E	36	All	640.00
	5016		12.N	54.E	13	All	640.00
	5017		12.N	54.E	14	E2, SW4	480.00
	5018		12.N	54.E	16	All	640.00
	5019		12.N	54.E	36	All	640.00
	5020		12.N	56.E	16	All	640.00
	5021		13.N	46.E	16	All	640.00
	5023		13.N	47.E	32	E2	320.00
	5026		13.N	53.E	36	All	* 640.00
	5027		13.N	55.E	36	All	640.00
	5028		14.N	45.E	24	W2	320.00
	5029		14.N	45.E	36	All	640.00
	5030		14.N	46.E	16	All	640.00
	5031		14.N	46.E	36	All	640.00
	5032		15.N	45.E	36	All	640.00
Richland		8, 9					
	5009		23.N	55.E	36	All	* 640.00
	5034		27.N	54.E	16	N2, SE4	480.00

App #	Map Location	Twp	Rng	Sec	Description	Acres
Roosevelt	10, 11, 12					
5040		28.N	58.E	16	NW4	* 160.00
5035		29.N	54.E	16	All	640.00
5008		29.N	58.E	30	N2SE4	* 80.00
5036		30.N	56.E	16	N2, SE4	480.00
Sheridan	13					
5002		34.N	55.E	16	All	640.00
5003		34.N	57.E	16	All, below the base of the Mission Canyon formation	* 640.00
5004		34.N	57.E	36	N2, SW4	* 480.00
Toole	14					
5037		33.N	1.E	16	All	640.00
5038		33.N	1.E	35	W2	* 320.00
5039		33.N	1.E	36	All	640.00
Wibaux	4					
5015		11.N	57.E	18	E2	320.00

* Part or all of tract is not state-owned surface

Total Tracts	40
Total Acres	19,503.64

Major Public Land Ownership of Montana



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Areas where tracts are proposed for lease are noted with a large number corresponding to the map location number on the preliminary lease sale list. Please visit our website for detailed maps and additional lease sale information. (<http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/trust/mmb/og>)